Memorandum

To: Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee

From: Jeff Churchill, AICP, Senior Planner, 556-2492

Date: October 22, 2009

Subject: **October 22nd CAC Meeting**

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

At your October 22nd meeting, the CAC will review current and projected land use for the neighborhood, the Bear Creek Neighborhood Existing Conditions Report, and an outline for an updated vision statement for the neighborhood.

PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER 22ND MEETING

Please review the attached materials for your October 22nd meeting. In particular, staff has prepared an outline for an updated vision statement for your review and feedback. The outline incorporates ideas provided through such avenues as the vision statement survey and the September open house.

In addition, CAC members raised two questions at the October 8th meeting: the nature of a past Avondale corridor transportation study, and the status of planned wetland mitigation banking activities on the Keller Farm. With respect to the former, staff located the 1989 Avondale Road Corridor Study (with a 1991 update). This study recommended the extension of 196th Avenue NE north to Novelty Hill Road to create a second north-south corridor for travelers coming from the Redmond Ridge Area. Those improvements will soon be constructed. Staff will bring the study to the meeting.

At this time, there are no active applications for wetland mitigation banking on the site. A possible application for the western part of the Keller farm is on indefinite hold. The Washington State Department of Transportation has performed preliminary site work on the eastern part of the Keller Farm, but has not taken further action to date.

Please contact me with questions or concerns prior to the October 22nd meeting.

CITY OF REDMOND
BEAR CREEK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – (DRAFT)
October 8, 2009 – Redmond City Hall

NOTE: This summary is not a full transcription of the meeting.

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Berrios, Murillo, J. Thompson, S. Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Churchill, Senior Planner

The Bear Creek Citizen Advisory Committee is appointed by the Mayor to advise vision, policy, and regulatory updates during the course of the Bear Creek neighborhood plan update.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was convened at 4:40pm by Ms. Thompson.

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY
The CAC unanimously approved the meeting summary for its September 28, 2009 meeting.

GOALS/VISION ELEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
The CAC reviewed the Goals, Vision, and Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Among the topics and ideas raised during the discussion were: partnering with the Bear Creek School to grow food locally for the school's lunchroom, noting that the text is future-oriented, and asking whether historic structures have been seismically retrofitted.

EXISTING BEAR CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
The CAC reviewed the existing Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan. CAC members asked whether there were any neighborhood-wide organizations existed, and staff responded that there was a group in the Grass Lawn neighborhood that continued to meet after the neighborhood plan update was complete. CAC members noted transportation concerns, expressed an interest to maximize public input, and asked about the status of proposed wetland mitigation banks. CAC members asked about the existence of a previous Avondale corridor study, and also discussed the history of the Red Brick Road (196th Avenue NE).

NEXT MEETING
Mr. Berrios agreed to chair the next meeting on October 22, 2009 at 4:30pm at Redmond City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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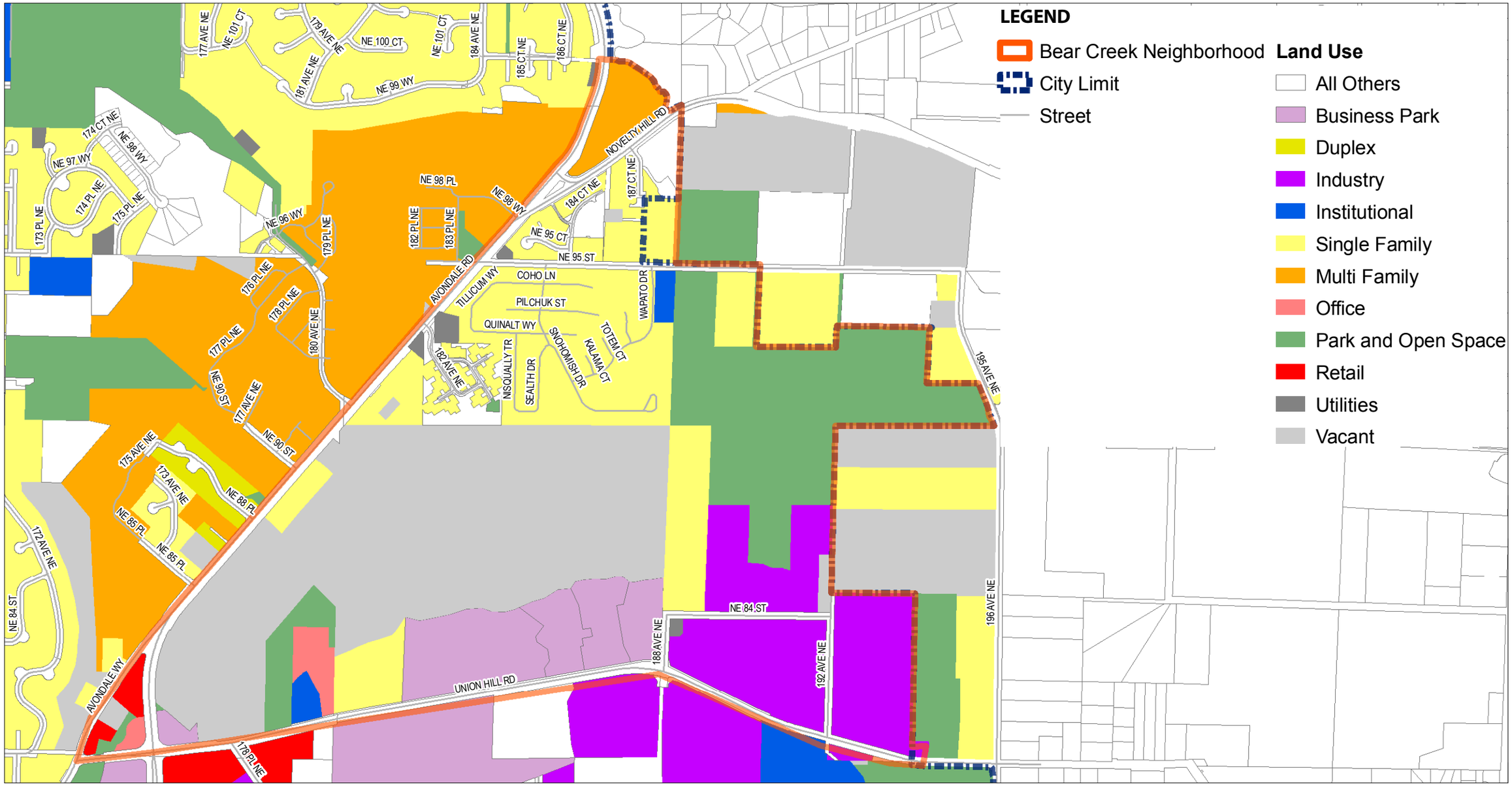

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PREPARED: 10/14/2009

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Bear Creek Vision Statement Outline – October 22, 2009
Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

Transportation

- Safe access to/from neighborhood, the rest of Redmond, and the region using all modes of travel
    - Can cross busy streets to access transit
    - Can safely walk within neighborhood to access parks, recreation opportunities
- Many services accessible by foot, bicycle
- Congestion may increase, but safety is not compromised
- Well-served by transit, but also with sufficient parking for guests and park users.

Commerce

- Residents take pride in the many and diverse successful businesses.
- Business owners and their employees are partners in maintaining high quality of life in neighborhood and Redmond as a whole.
- Residents and the business community mutually support one another to advance common goals.

Character, Identity

- Bear Creek is a safe neighborhood, in part because people feel connected to one another.
- Crosswalks and other non-motorized facilities promote pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Rural feel of the central area of the neighborhood is preserved.
- New development in Bear Creek employs the latest in energy-efficient and low impact development techniques
- Trees are an important part of the character.

Land Use

- The neighborhood grows, but without unsustainably depleting resources
- People live in a clean and healthy environment
- Mix of uses allows people to reach frequent destinations without using a car
- Regulations make it easy to enhance environmental quality
- Land uses are well-maintained because they are successful

Natural Environment

- Plans and wildlife thrive, especially in streams and riparian corridors
- Air remains clean and surface water quality improves
- Bear and Evans Creeks support wild salmon and freshwater clams
- Trees are saved when new development occurs
- Culture of conservation and education
- Sufficient access to natural areas to appreciate them

Parks & Recreation

- Natural park areas are walkable, educational, and minimize environmental disturbance
- Parks offer a balance of active and passive recreation opportunities
- People can arrive at parks in a number of ways, and there is sufficient parking to accommodate those that arrive by car.

Housing

- Bear Creek is an attractive place to live.
- Multi-use structures are located near arterials and transit
- Neighborhood includes homes affordable to those with a wide variety of incomes
- Residents can choose to live in the neighborhood for a lifetime
- Some single-family homes redevelop with mother-in-law apartments or multi-unit structures designed to look like single-family homes